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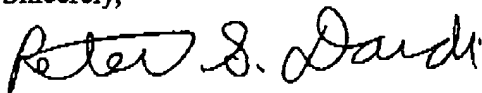
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) RCE Transmittal;
- 2) Preliminary Amendment; and
- 3) Petition for Extension of Time for Three Months..

Sincerely,



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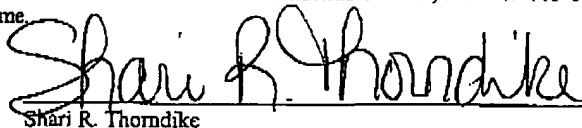
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
 (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Box RCE  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of Application No. 09/416,192, filed October 11, 1999 for: SYSTEM FOR ORTHOPEDIC TREATMENT, by: John G. Stark, Duane Oyen, Timothy J.B. Hanson, Timothy Tracey, Steven Backes and Gary Manninen.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- ☐ Please enter in the present application the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, with any attachments, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in said prior application.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.
- ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ Other Three Month Extension of Time

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2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra (Equals)	Small Entity Rate	Add'l Fee	OR	Large Entity Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	20	- [37]**	= 0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$0
Indep.	1	- [4]***	= 0	x 42	\$		x 84	\$0
RCE fee				+ 375	\$		+ 750	\$750.00
Mult. Dep.			=	+ 140	\$		+ 280	\$0
TOTAL				\$		OR	TOTAL	\$750.00

☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim [MDC]

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Filed October 11, 1999

3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 16-0631 for the total amount of \$1,680.00 for the additional claims filing fee and the Petition for One Month Extension of Time filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.*

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